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SUBJECT: UNESCO: EXECUTIVE BOARD WORKING GROUP TO STRENGTH-
EN UNESCO'S HUMAN RIGHTS PROCEDURES, PARIS, AUGUST 1-5,
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REF: A. PARIS 23640; B. PARIS 23781

1. IN VIEW DISAPPOINTING RESULTS OF WG MEETING AND RISKS
INVOLVED IN THROWING ISSUE INTO 45-MEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD,
DEPT. AGREES WITH PERM DEL'S JUDGMENT (REF. A) THAT WE
SHOULD NOT OPPOSE CHAIRMAN MARTIN IF HE DECIDES TO RECON-
VENE WG. INDEED, WE SEE MERIT IN HIS DOING SO. WE ALSO
AGREE WITH SUGGESTION (PARA 12 OF REF. A) THAT PERM DEL
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EMPHASIZE TO MARTIN OUR VIEW THAT WHILE EVERY EFFORT
SHOULD BE MADE TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS, ON ANY ISSUE WHERE
THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, MAJORITY VIEWS SHOULD BE REPORTED.
THIS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON
NATURE OF REPORT FINALLY SUBMITTED TO BOARD.

2. WE DO NOT THINK IT PRUDENT AT THIS TIME TO CRITICIZE

FORMALLY MARTIN'S HANDLING OF WG BUT ARE GREATLY CONCERNED BY PERM DEL'S CHARGE (PARA. 5, REF. A) THAT HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WG'S FAILURE TO COMPLETE ITS TASK AND WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DETAILS CONCERNING HIS PERFORMANCE, ALONG WITH PERM DEL'S EVALUATION OF PROBLEM AND PROGNOSIS FOR FUTURE (ESPECIALLY RECONVENED WG).

3. RE PARA. 3 OF REF. B, DEPT. PREFERS TO RESERVE COMMENT ON DRAFT PART II OF REPORT UNTIL WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY PART I (TO WHICH PART II MAKES FREQUENT REFERENCE) IN LIGHT OF MARTIN'S REACTIONS TO APPROACH MENTIONED PARA. 1, ABOVE.

4. IF MARTIN GOES AHEAD WITH RECONVENING WG, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED SOONEST RE DATES AND RECEIVING PERM DEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS RE U.S. REPRESENTATION. VANCE

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